

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES - CORRECTED  
DISTRICT I**

May 21, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Members Present**

Council Member Brewer  
Treatha Brown Foster  
David Franks\*  
Kenneth Hemmen  
Debby Moore  
Sharon Myers\*  
Celina Porter Robinson  
Steve Roberts\*  
James Thompson  
Marcia Traylor  
Ken Woodard

**Members Absent**

Carrie Jones Williams  
Lori Lawrence  
Lois Tully-Gerber  
Willard Walker

**Guest List**

Russ Ewy, 315 Ellis  
Joan Mitchell Childers

**Staff Present**

Patsy Ellis, City Clerk's Office  
Scott Knebel, Planning Department  
Heidi Farmer-Drew, Neighborhood Assistant

\*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Swearing in of New Board Members**

Patsy Ellis swore in new District Advisory Board members who were in attendance.

**Call to Order**

**Council Member Brewer** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Council Member Brewer** asked DAB members if there were any corrections to the March 19 or April 2, 2001 DAB minutes. One correction was noted on the March 15' 2001 minutes. Marcia Traylor was listed as absent and should have been listed as present. **Council Member Brewer** asked for a motion to approve the March and April minutes. **Marcia Traylor (Ken Hemmen)** made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted corrections. Motion carried (7-0).

### Approval of Agenda

**Council Member Brewer** asked the DAB and public if there were any additional items that needed to be added to the agenda. Being none, **Traylor (Hemmen)** moved to accept the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

### Public Agenda

#### **1. Scheduled items**

##### Character Education

**Marjalee Wright**, a representative from the unified School District (USD) 259, presented information on a program for Character Education and explained the process for community consensus related to the program. **Wright** explained that for the past year, the Board of Education (BOE) has looked at the issue of character education; adults trying to foster/model positive character traits for the students within the Wichita Public Schools. The Board of Education would like to get a consensus as to what character traits should be included in the new curriculum. The Board obtained input from 1) school site councils; 2) each District Advisory Board; 3) the Faith community; and 4) Neighborhood and Home Owner Associations. **Wright** noted that she had attempted to get input from District I DAB members, but due to time constraints, she was unable to present at the District I meeting last month.

The BOE reconvened earlier this month to review community suggestions and determined what the curriculum should include. After reviewing community input, the BOE noted the community consensus focused on the following five character traits being most important: 1) Respect, 2) Integrity, 3) Responsibility, 4) Caring, 5) Kindness.

**Wright** stated that the next phase will include soliciting the community and businesses to support the character building initiative. These efforts will be initiated this summer. The plan is to have the schools integrate the selected characteristics into everyday school/classroom activities, which teach basic civility.

**Brown-Foster** asked how and which neighborhood associations were contacted. **Wright** stated that letters were sent to neighborhood association presidents and an article was placed in the Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN) newsletter. Additionally, **Wright** also addressed school site councils.

**Debby Moore** asked if this initiative was funded by a federal grant. **Wright** stated that this project was not a federally funded program. **Wright** also stated that no grant monies or funding was used for this project. The school board thought it necessary to model these behaviors for the children; therefore it is necessary to have participation at the grass roots level.

## **Public Agenda**

### **2. Scheduled items**

#### **Character Education (continued)**

Additionally, **Wright** stated that guidelines with examples will be given to teachers so they can easily integrate the character traits into the curriculum. In some instances the character building will be a separate classroom activity, but generally it will be integrated into the existing curriculum. This program spans pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

**Hemmen (Brown-Foster)** moved to recommend support of the USD 259 Character Building initiative. Motion carried (7-0).

### **3. Off-agenda items**

No items were submitted

## **Unfinished Business**

No items were submitted

## **Staff Reports**

No items were submitted

## **Public Works**

No items were submitted

### **Planning Cases**

**4. Case No.: ZON2001-00029**

**Request:** “LC” Limited Commercial & “SF-6” Single Family Residential

**Location:.** Southwest Corner of 45<sup>th</sup> Street North and Oliver

**See the attached “MAPC Notice of Public Hearing and Staff Report”**

**Scott Knebel**, MAPD, presented the case and stated that the applicant requests a zone change from “SF-6” Single-Family Residential to “LC” Limited Commercial on a 3.1 acre unplatted tract and from “SF-6” Single-Family Residential on an adjoining 4.5 acre unplatted tract. A plat (SUB2000-00109: Eagles Landing at North Oliver).

**Russ Ewy**, the agent stated that the area had originally been zoned for heavy industrial use. The applicant would like to soften the zoning and believes that Koch Industries would agree to the proposed zone changes rather than keeping commercial zoning.

**Tretha Brown Foster** asked if the land had already been zoned for a school. **Ewy** stated that at one time 20 acres had been designated for a school, but that proposal had not worked,

**Ken Woodard** asked how the new zoning would impact traffic in the area. **Ewy** stated that there would probably not be any more traffic than there is today. **James Thompson** pointed out the there was a projected increase in traffic listed in the staff report. **Ewy** responded that the traffic projections listed in the staff report are over a twenty-year period.

**Thompson** then asked what type of businesses would be proposed with the change to LC zoning. **Ewy** stated that businesses would be of the service type industry; conveniences to residents

**Steve Roberts** stated that he served on the school site selection committee and that Koch has agreed to designate 40 acres between 37<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Streets and Hillside and Oliver for a school.

**Debby Moore (Thompson)** moved to recommend approval of the zoning change. Motion carried, 7-0.

### **Planning Cases**

**5. Case No.: ZON2001-00031**

**Request:** Zone change to “OW” Office Warehouse

**Location:** On the southwest corner of English and Kansas

**See the attached “MAPC Notice of Public Hearing and Staff Report”**

**Scott Knebel**, MAPD, presented the case and stated that this is an application to rezone the southwest corner of Kansas and English in order to expand an existing building located at the southeast corner of Hydraulic and English. The applicant would like to expand the main building eastward, onto existing parking lot by approximately 60 feet to add more warehouse space for an HVAC contractor. This requires rezoning the property from its current “B” Multi-Family zoning. This case was heard by the MAPC on May 10, 2001 and approved.

**Council Member Brewer** asked if there were any questions from the public. There were no questions from the public. **Council Member Brewer** then asked if there were any questions from the DAB members. **Marcia Traylor** asked if the applicant would be building another parking lot. **Council Member Brewer** referred to the site plan drawing and indicated that no additional parking lot was planned.

**Traylor (Hemmen)** moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the zoning change with the conditions. Motion carried, 7-0.

### **Board Agenda**

**6. Selection of First Pro Tem and Second Pro Tem**

**Council Member Brewer** gave some general remarks then stated that there was a wealth of knowledge on the District I Advisory Board. **Council Member Brewer** told DAB members to network with other DAB members and alternates. Feel free to ask questions. **Council Member Brewer** also informed new DAB members that they would be receiving a three-ring binder with information about various city departments and operations at the DAB orientation in June.

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**Council Member Brewer** then asked for each DAB member to stand-up, introduce his or her self and give everyone a little background information.

**James Thompson** stated that he was a 35 year, KGE employee and that he was also the president of The ELM Neighborhood Association.

**Ken Woodard** stated the he has been a Wichita resident for over 20 years. He also stated that he works for Sedgwick County as an appraiser. Additionally, **Woodard** serves as the Information Officer for Lambsdale Neighborhood Association.

**Ken Hemmen** stated that is a member of the Schweiter Neighborhood Association. **Hemmen** is retired from the finance/banking industry, and a returning DAB member.

**Treatha Brown Foster** stated that her background is in banking. She is the president of the Northeast Millair Neighborhood Association.

**Celina Porter Robinson** is a member of the KenMar Neighborhood Association.

**Debby Moore** former stated that she was a former CPO member. She also has a background in finance and is a state lobbyist.

**Marcia Traylor** stated that she is a returning board member. She works at Star Electric Supply Company and the owner of a small business with her husband. Traylor is also a member of the Wichita Small Business Association.

**Steve Roberts** stated that he was a former CPO member, a returning DAB alternate and served as president of the Chisholm Creek Neighborhood Association and the President of Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN). Roberts also indicated that he is a member of the USD 259 school site council.

**Sharon Myers** stated that she was a DAB member last year and will be serving as an alternate this year. **Myers** is also the president of the Comotara Neighborhood Association

**David Franks** stated that he too had been a DAB member last year, and would be serving as a DAB alternate.

**Council Member Brewer** then introduced the Neighborhood Assistant, and let the public present introduce herself.

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**Council Member Brewer** then stated that the DAB members needed to select a first and second pro-tem, which are equivalent to a first and second vice chairperson. Nominations were then taken from the DAB members.

**Brown Foster** nominated Ken Hemmen for first pro-tem. **Hemmen** nominated Marcia Traylor for first pro-tem.

**Franks** made a suggestion to have the second pro-tem be whom ever was not voted first pro-tem.

**Council Member Brewer** then asked for the vote by a showing of hands. Ken Hemmen was voted first pro-tem (5-0) and Marcia Traylor.

#### **7. Discussion of Subcommittees**

There was no discussion.

#### **General Comments/Announcements**

**Council Member Brewer** informed the DAB of the improvements made and in process. He then thanked DAB members for their support and willingness to participate. He also stated that the DAB was an opportunity for the members and the community to have an opportunity for input.

**Council Member Brewer (Moore)** moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Heidi Farmer-Drew  
Neighborhood Assistant,  
Council District I